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TRIBUTE TO FR. AUDET.

St. Francis Xavier Church in Winoski Was Crowded.

Winoski, Jan. 3.—Winoski yesterday paid its last respects to the late Rev. Jean Frederic Audet, the venerable rector of St. Francis Xavier church, which congregation he founded nearly 50 years ago. Business activities throughout the village ceased yesterday morning, when the funeral was held. The American Woolen company's mills, the Porter Screen company, the Stevens Machine company, and the Perfection Overgaiter company, all shut down. Although the hour for the funeral was 10 o'clock, fully two hours before then people began to crowd the large edifice. At the hour appointed for the services, the church was crowded to its capacity. The aisles were occupied and the rear of the church, as well as the gallery. There were present people of all faiths and representative business men. It was one of the most impressive services ever witnessed in the village. The Rt. Rev. J. J. Rice, bishop of Burlington, officiated, assisted by several priests of the diocese. Rev. D. J. O'Sullivan of St. Albans and Rev. C. H. Provost of Bennington were deacons of honor, and Rev. N. Proby of Rutland and Rev. J. B. Poirer of Essex Junction deacon and sub-deacon, respectively. The assisting priest to the bishop was Rev. J. F. Gillis of Burlington, and Rev. W. H. Cassidy of Burlington was master of ceremonies. Inside the chancel rail were also about 50 priests. Among them were Canon Descelles, superior of St. Hyacinthe, P. Q., college, where the late priest was graduated. Following the high requiem mass, the benediction was given by the Rt. Rev. J. J. Rice. The priests with lighted candles marched from their places inside the chancel rail to the center aisle, forming on both sides of the altar. They were followed by the bishop and assistants, who blessed the remains.

The Very Rev. E. M. Salmon, S. S. E., delivered the eulogy, in French. He took as his text a passage from Heb. 13:7: "Remember your prelates who have spok-

en the word of God to you; whose faith follow, considering the end of their conversation."

PREVENTED SUFFERING.

Morrisville Municipal Wood Yard Proved a Big Help.

The experiment of a municipal wood yard in Morrisville is thus described by the Morrisville Messenger:

"What would the people, especially the poorer people, who buy wood in small quantities, have done had it not been for the establishment of a municipal wood yard?"

"Last Saturday night there were twenty families in this village without wood, dry or green. Some borrowed of their neighbors and some used oil stoves. A few were supplied by the village during the evening and nearly all the rest during Sunday. G. N. Foss putting in the whole day with such help as he could get, supplying these families with enough green wood to tide them over till into the week.

"These families waited until too late, in most cases, before applying to the village for wood.

"We are advised that farmers and wood men have brought into the village more wood during November and December than ever before during these months; that it was quickly snapped up and, without the 1,000 cords that the village cut and held for just such an emergency, there would have been great suffering here, and work for the Red Cross right at home.

"Coal has been doled out during the past week to families having babies and no wood stoves for heating the houses, 300 to 500 pounds to a family.

"The village has cleared off one wood lot and has bought the stumpage on another and purchased all the four-foot wood offered at a reasonable price. It has all been sold in small lots except a few cords being sawed in the wood yard now."

Suits at one-half price at Abbott's.

Start the New Year Right

by becoming one of our customers.

Our thirty years of experience among you, and constantly increasing business, speaks well of the methods we employ.

Our policy will be continued in the future as in the past. Always at your service.

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BARRE DAILY TIMES

THURSDAY, JANUARY 3, 1918.

The Weather

Fair in New Hampshire and Vermont to-night and Friday; continued cold; north winds.

TALK OF THE TOWN

Regular meeting of A. O. H. to-night at 7 o'clock. Installation.

A son was born at the City hospital yesterday to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Milne of the Miles block.

A regular meeting of the ladies of Clan Gordon will be held Friday, Jan. 4, at 7:15 p. m. Installation of officers.

Atty. Homer L. Skeels of Ludlow has been registered at Hotel Barre while attending supreme court at Montpelier.

The regular monthly meeting of the Presbyterian board of managers will be held in the church to-morrow night at 7:30 o'clock.

E. B. House of Berlin, a member of the county licensing board, was in the city to-day to participate in a hearing at city hall.

John Jordan, who has been visiting at his home on Foss street during the past week, returned this morning to Winoski, Mass., where he is employed.

Regular meeting of M. P. U., local 488, Jan. 6, at 3:30. Every member is requested to be present. Installation of officers. W. J. Gilbertson, Sec.

The Ida Read, W. C. T. U., will meet to-morrow afternoon, at 2:30 o'clock, with Mrs. F. D. Beckley, 6 Park street. Ladies please come prepared to sew.

George and John Webster of Pearl street returned last evening from Westbury, R. I., where they have been visiting at their home there during the past week.

Roy A. Kidder, who has been passing the holiday season with his mother, Mrs. Nellie L. Kidder of 61 Summer street, returned to-day to Hartford, Conn., where he is employed.

Mrs. Diantha Huse, who lives with her son, Carl Huse, in South Barre, and who is in her 89th year, fell Tuesday night and cut her head and nose quite badly. At this writing she is as comfortable as could be expected.

The auction sale held at the Cumming dairy farm on Trow hill yesterday was quite well attended, and the property brought very good prices. Eleven cows sold from \$40.50 to \$81.50, four of them going above \$75. Young cattle brought very good prices. Hay in the barn sold for \$13.25 per ton, ensilage \$4.55 per ton, not bad for such a cold day. C. F. Smith, auctioneer.

C. B. Winchester, one of the exhibitors at the 12th annual exhibition of the Vermont Poultry association, which is being held at the Pavilion on Pearl street, returned this morning to his home in Royalton. Mr. Winchester's string of blooded Black Orpingtons were among the prize winners at the show and several pens of them were returned to Royalton this afternoon to be sent to the larger shows in New England in the near future.

Among the guests arriving at Hotel Barre last night and this morning were the following people: N. A. Martin of Syracuse, N. Y.; Homer L. Skeels of Ludlow, C. A. Plumley of Northfield, S. S. Hunt of New York; J. S. Buttles of Brandon, Frank S. Platt of Brandon, R. B. Lang of Springfield, F. G. McGoff of Buffalo, N. Y.; J. A. Huger of St. Johnsbury, N. H.; P. Mullen of Rockford, Ill.; E. M. Clark of Malone, N. Y.; C. A. Bridgman and H. P. Ardes of New York.

Ragged tattered and torn derelicts are being figuratively swept into the police station by the cold wave, and while the number of tenants in duress at police headquarters during the past week has been practically negligible, more than the usual number of lodgers have been accommodated. Last night a man who was bereft of nearly all apparel that was considered necessary in this cold climate asked for a bunk and had his wish granted.

Often times, as in the case of this man, the police fit their company out with cast-off clothing, but the demand this winter has been greater than the supply.

Excavation in the vicinity of Newton street yesterday confirmed the fears of the water department that the Newton street main had been frozen. So far as an investigation has disclosed, it is the only main to be badly affected by the cold weather, although a number of service connections and many meters were put out of commission.

Five families are affected by the Newton street tie-up, and while a gang of laborers from the department is working to relieve conditions, folks on neighboring streets are supplying water needs. The department has resorted to the use of the electric thawing apparatus and while the main is entirely clear, the results have been satisfactory thus far.

Further inquiry into the supreme court decision whereby Mrs. Augusta Villa was discharged from custody disclosed the information that the charge described by the court as "too broad" refers to the complaint which was not specific enough in referring to the section of the statute which the state alleged had been violated by the respondent. It will be recalled that Mrs. Villa was convicted last summer, her case going to the higher court on exceptions taken in municipal court. At present the woman is in Charlotte, S. C., whither she left some weeks ago after the governor had signed a parole.

Mrs. Villa was confined in the house of correction for a time following her conviction and obtained her first release to undergo an operation.

Among several steps taken by the state fuel commission, with the assistance of its local fuel committees, to conserve coal and wood, is the distribution of "Save Your Coal" cards among the manufacturers. Here in Barre granite manufacturers are receiving their cards through the committee, and it is planned to have the poster placed in every boiler room.

The top picture is a likeness of Uncle Sam advising the fireman. Under the caption "Fire the Kaiser," and "Here's How," are printed such suggestions as there: Keep boiler tubes clean from soot and scale, both inside and out; stop air leaks in boiler settings, flue doors and cleanings holes; repair leaky steam pipes and valves; keep the ash pit cleaned out; keep your fire thin as your draft allows; fire at short intervals and in small quantities; do not stir your fire unless necessary; regulate drafts with dampers not with ash pit doors; work fires by automatic dampers, not by your steam gauge.

WILLIAMSTOWN.

The annual meeting of the Congregational church and the roll call will be held in the parlors to-morrow evening at 7:30.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

FOR SALE—Ten tons No. 1 early-cut bone timothy hay at 25c per ton, delivered. Williamstown, Vt.; J. M. Hutchinson. 247367

WANTED—A good driving horse; one that can drive; Gage & Gage, tel. 460. 247372

BETHEL

Congregational Annual Meeting Elected Officers.

The annual roll-call and supper of the Congregational church last evening was an event much enjoyed by those present. At the annual business meeting which followed it was voted that future annual meetings be in October, instead of January, the fiscal year ending Sept. 30. Officers for 1918 were elected with the following results: Clerk, Mrs. Eliza F. Miller; treasurer, Miss Julia B. Miller; S. S. superintendent, Rev. Frederick B. Dixon; assistant, Mrs. James A. Graham; superintendent of home department, Mrs. N. L. Chase; superintendent of cradle roll, Miss Maude Keenly; business committee, Dr. F. A. Edmunds, Mrs. E. F. Miller, Roy E. Savage; ushers, Richard Moriarty, Clarence Richards; auditor, Guy W. Merrill; chorister, Miss Jessie M. Spaulding; assistant, Mrs. F. N. Chapman. It was voted that on future Sunday mornings, if the temperature is 10 or more degrees below zero, services be held in the vestry.

Mrs. Ada Powers, Mrs. George H. Wight, A. Lee Cady and J. Wesley Miller were in Royalton yesterday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Jane G. Hunt.

Four barrels of sugar came yesterday to a local dealer, who sold it to customers in packages of three pounds each.

Whitcomb high school basketball team, which had a local game scheduled Friday night with V. S. A. of Randolph Center, has learned that V. S. A. will not resume sessions until a week later than planned, and Lebanon, N. H., high school has been substituted as Whitcomb's antagonist on Friday. A dance following the game is entirely for the Red Cross benefit.

RANDOLPH

The remains of the late J. Densmore Battles were brought here on Wednesday from Winooski, where he died at the Fanny Allen hospital on Tuesday, the result of a critical operation, with pneumonia following. Mrs. Battles was called from her home in Montpelier on Tuesday, but did not arrive in time for her to know her, and he died soon after her arrival there. Mrs. Battles, a sister of Mr. Battles, accompanied her there and returned home with her on Wednesday.

Mr. Battles is survived by his wife, who is in frail health; a sister, Mrs. Priest, and one brother, Allen Battles, who lives in Braintree, who is blind. Mr. and Mrs. Battles lived in town, or just out in the town of Braintree, for many years, and only went to Montpelier to live about seven years ago, and had a large circle of acquaintances in town, who regret to hear of his death. Mr. Battles was probably not far from 60 years of age.

Mrs. Hazel Fairbanks Thomas of Salisbury has come for a few days' stay with her mother, Mrs. Edna Fairbanks, Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Billings and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bragg of this place returned on Wednesday from Waitfield, where they were New Year's guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Bragg.

Miss Tirrell, a former teacher in town, who has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Adams for several days, left on Wednesday for Brookton, Mass., where she is teaching for the present.

Judge Stow of Chelsea has been in town for a couple of days on probate business.

News has been received from Ralph Flint Carpenter that he is at Fort Stark, New Castle, N. H., where he was summoned several days ago for service.

Mrs. Charles Foster of Montpelier has closed several days' visit with Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Gladding and returned to her home.

Miss Esther Ham, after passing her vacation from Smith college here with her parents, Edwin and Mrs. E. G. Ham, left yesterday to resume her studies.

Carleton Jones, employed in Springfield, who has been with his parents for a few days, returned Wednesday morning to resume his work.

Mrs. Galarneau went to Sharon on Wednesday for a short stay with friends. The local Old Folks' society held its annual meeting on Monday evening and elected the following officers: Noble grand, Arthur Galarneau; vice grand, George Roberts; secretary, N. C. Buck; treasurer, A. M. Hubbard. The appointive officers will be announced later and will be installed together at a later date to be announced in the future.

W. B. Worthen from Montpelier will be the installing officer at the encampment installation on Friday night of this week.

Miss Iris Buck has returned from a several days' stay in Lebanon, N. H., with her grandmother, Mrs. Estelle Buck.

ORANGE

The regular grange meeting will be Friday night.

William Hanna had the misfortune to blow his gasoline engine to pieces while sawing wood Wednesday. Luckily no one was hurt.

Born Dec. 30 to Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Dunkling of Barre, a son, John Howard. The mother will be remembered as Lula Thompson of this place.

Rev. A. J. Lord and Miss Jennie Lord have returned to West Pelham, Mass. Jesse Peaslee, who has been employed by H. S. Clark for some time, has gone to Massachusetts.

Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Richardson were pleasantly reminded Monday evening that they had reached their 33d milestone of married life when they were given a hurry summons to the town hall. The evening was spent in playing games and dancing. Light refreshments were served, after which Mr. and Mrs. Richardson were presented a purse of money. The company broke up at a late hour, wishing the couple many happy returns of the day.

Erwin Aiken is spending several weeks in camp in Foster Notch.

Schools opened Jan. 2, for the winter term.

Special communication of Granite lodge, No. 35, F. and A. M., Friday, Jan. 4, at 7:30 p. m. Work, F. C. degree. Per order W. M.

The elective chiefs of Ironquois tribe, No. 16, will be raised to their respective stumps by Deputy Great Sachem George Brand at the joint installation to be held Thursday evening, Jan. 3, at 7:30 o'clock. Entertainment will follow installation.

Special convocation of St. Aldegar commandery, No. 18, B. of T., Thursday evening, Jan. 3, at 7:30. Work, temple degree. Per order E. C.

Regular meeting of Winnetka council, No. 18, B. of T., Thursday, Jan. 3, at 8:30. At the close of the meeting there will be the joint raising of chiefs and a social time after the raising.

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Regular values to \$19.50; now **\$14.50**

SNAPPY NEW MODELS—
Regular values to \$23.50; now **\$17.50**

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Regular values to \$27.50; now **\$20.00**

TWO SPECIAL LOTS OF GIRLS' COATS AT... **\$4.98 and 6.68**
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MONTPELIER

Commissioner of Education M. B. Hillegas is again having trouble about securing teachers. This time it is the agricultural department that is causing him annoyance for the most part, although commercial teachers are hard to get. His assistants will secure a teacher only to find that some other state has outbid Vermont in salary and then the teacher goes to the other place. For instance, one recently en route to the Greensboro junior high school, received a telegram offering him \$2,000 salary to go to another state. He accepted it and did not complete his trip. This was a substantial figure over what Vermont could pay. Mr. Hillegas and F. A. Howland go this evening to St. Albans for a conference Friday on the war savings campaign, in which the latter speaks to those outside of the school and the former to educators.

The probate judges of the several districts in Vermont gathered this morning in the witnesses' room of the county courthouse, when they had a conference with State Tax Commissioner Charles A. Plumley relative to the federal inheritance taxes. Mr. Plumley explained the working of the inheritance tax law and the way in which the probate judges must handle the same. Until this conference there had not been a general understanding of the working of the law and each judge had been handling the matter as he interpreted the law.

Gov. H. F. Graham has appointed Arthur Bigelow of Brookfield as a justice of peace to take the place of Charles H. Bigelow, deceased.

Col. H. T. Johnson is with Gov. H. F. Graham in Boston attending the functions in that city and Providence, R. I.

In probate court Wednesday afternoon George S. Blaisdell of Waterbury settled the account of Mary J. Coffin as administratrix of the estate of John Coffin, late of Waterbury. He then settled his accounts as administrator of the estate of Mr. Coffin and finally his account as administrator of the estate of Mary J. Coffin.

H. F. Scribner of Calais was appointed administrator of the estate of Rachel Avery, late of that town.

The northbound night sleeper on the Central Vermont railway did not arrive until about 10 o'clock, due largely to the lateness of trains south of White River Junction. The other trains were a little late. The cold weather affected the movement of freight trains.

The fire department was called out about 9:45 o'clock this morning for a bed fire in the house of W. C. Lamphere on upper Elm street, occupied by a Laundry family. The loss was about \$15, due to the burning of the mattress and breaking in windows to get into the room. Matches are thought to have caused the fire.

EAST BARRE.

Winona council will hold its meeting Friday, Jan. 4. Business, election of officers.

LOCAL BOARD, WASHINGTON COUNTY, VT.

Federal Building, Room 6, Montpelier, Vt. Important Notice to Registrants Under Jurisdiction of This Local Board, Whose Order Numbers Are Between No. 2261 and No. 2420, Inclusive.

There has this day been mailed to you a questionnaire which you are required by law to execute and return within seven days from date hereof.

Failure to do so constitutes a misdemeanor punishable by not to exceed one year's imprisonment; and such failure may also deprive you of valuable rights and result in your immediate induction into military service and trial by court-martial.

Jan. 3, 1918.
Lewis C. Moody, Member of Local Board.

Be Corseted for Comfort and Style

You may be fitted to a front or a back lace Corset, as your figure requires, at prices ranging from \$1.00 to \$6.50.

Received, a few new samples in Serge Dresses, also a few Serge, Silk and Velvet Dresses left in our stock at reduced prices.

Georgette, Crepe de Chine, and Voile Blouses.

All Hats reduced in price.

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MILK PRODUCERS

GIVEN INCREASE

They Are to Receive 8½ Cents Per Quart Against the Old Price of 7½ Cents at Boston.

Boston, Jan. 3.—The verdict of the federal milk commission, which has been in session in Boston, was not given out until after midnight this morning. They have arranged that the producer shall receive eight and one-half cents per quart, f. o. b. Boston, against the old price of seven and one-half cents per quart, and the consumer in Boston shall pay 14½ cents per quart delivered at the house, an increase of one-half a cent over the present price. This new schedule will go into effect Sunday, Jan. 6, and will hold for at least three months.

The commission further determines that the producers may reasonably charge four cents per 100 pounds of milk for each one-tenth of 1 per cent of butter fat above 3.5 per cent, with corresponding deduction for milk below 3.5 per cent.

Pending investigation by the commission, several matters have been temporarily adjusted. A further report will be issued later.

"The commission has reason to hope from the evidence presented that at the end of a three months' period a reduction to the consumer can be made."

SOLID COAL TRAINS

Ordered Into the Eastern Section of the Country.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 3.—Solid coal trains were ordered moved eastward ahead of all other freight last night after conference between the director-general of railroads and the fuel administration on further plans for speeding coal to New England and other sections short of coal in the midst of a blizzard. The railroads were directed to give preference so far as possible to shipments from mines nearest the destination to curtail hauls and promote efficiency.

The organization of a great army of laborers loaned by cities and corporations to unload freight at congested terminals now is under consideration, and some thought even has been given to the possibility of having soldiers assigned to these tasks if the

civilian organization proves impracticable. Transfer of locomotives from the west and south, where congestion is not so serious and weather less inclement, was planned by Director-General McAdoo and his staff. With the equipment will come a number of employees from those districts to assist the overburdened east. Reports of frozen boilers in locomotives and trains stalled in snow, led to special consideration of a plan of augmenting the available motive power on trunk lines east of the Mississippi and north of the Ohio river. An immediate embargo on movement of a number of non-essential products also was discussed.

Despite the weather freight actually is moving faster than before the government assumed management, according to reports from interstate commerce commission inspectors. Congested switch yards are being cleared without regard to old priority orders. At least ten trains carrying in all 500 cars of coal reached New Jersey terminals during the day, and many were either routed through the Pennsylvania passenger tunnel or ferried to the East river for transfer to Brooklyn or dispatched to New England.

Nine ships were pledged by the shipping board to carry coal from Hampton Roads to New England. Director-General McAdoo devoted almost his entire time yesterday in consultation with members of his advisory board and Fuel Administrator Garfield. To-day he will turn his attention for a while from operating and traffic problems to discuss the labor situation under government operations with heads of the four railway brotherhoods who were invited to confer with him. They will be told of the pressing necessity not only for retaining all present workmen, but for drawing new employees into the service, and for sustaining a high order of efficiency under the government's operation plan.

Wages probably will not be discussed at the conference except in a general way, but the brotherhood heads may be told that the entire problem of readjusting wages will be taken up by the railroad administration as soon as the more immediate operating and traffic questions are disposed of.

Officials are anxious that railroad employees shall not get the impression that any wholesale curtailment of jobs or salaries is in prospect. Although a number of railroad agencies which are not considered now that competitive conditions have been abolished, may be eliminated eventually, it is considered probable that the employees will be transferred to other branches of the service. This rearrangement applies particularly to traffic solicitors, publicity bureaus and legal advisers.

From Friday, January 4th to Monday, January 21st, you will have the privilege of buying Footwear at a discount of 10 cents on the dollar, in order that we may reduce our stock before taking our annual invoice. This will not apply to rubber goods nor any sales that are not strictly cash.

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